



New York City Department of Education

Library Services Spring Conference: EXPLORATORIUM! Best Practices in Action

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011
(8:00 am - 3:00 pm)
Celeste Bartos Forum
NYPL Schwarzman Building
42nd Street and Fifth Avenue**



Welcome to Our First Ever Exploratorium!

Libraries open the world of discovery and learning for our students, teachers, and school communities. Welcome to a day of discovery for yourself, as we share and learn together the promising ideas that transform libraries into hubs of inquiry, literacy, critical thinking, technology use, digital citizenship, and reading motivation. Enjoy!

Today's Exploratorium provides you with a variety of opportunities for learning from which to choose (see the Agenda and Schedule on the following pages for times and descriptions):

- Two sessions of Exploratorium table displays with presentations by your colleagues;
- Two professional development sessions for in-depth exploration of curriculum mapping or teaching inquiry and research;
- Demonstrations of e-resources by Follett Library Resources and digital primary sources by NBC Learn, our conference sponsors;
- Library tours;
- Special sessions in the computer lab;
- Information about summer reading and the DOE/NYPL union catalog pilot;
- Table displays by the New York Historical Society, Museum of the Moving Image, and the public library systems;
- A Technology Petting Zoo.

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NY Historical Society

- ❖ Sharon Dunn, Vice-President of Education

Museum of Moving Image

- ❖ Chris Wisniewski, Director of Education

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- ❖ Nemeesha Brown
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- ❖ Jeff Roth, NYPL First Vice President for Strategic Planning
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- ❖ Lance Hollander, Entrepreneur and Marketing Technologist

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Agenda

8:00-9:00	ALL - Registration, Breakfast & Welcome (Bartos)
9:00-9:30	ALL - Summer Reading Website Tour (Bartos)
9:30-11:30	Choice of a Variety of Offerings (see schedule on page 5 for exact times and locations) Exploratorium I Children's Library Tour Library Exhibit Tours Library Building Tours Extended Session: Curriculum Mapping with Olga Nesi Destiny Highlights AASL's Best Websites
11:30-1:30	ALL - Boxed Lunch Available (this is a flexible lunch period so that attendees can continue to browse the exhibits)
12:30-2:30	Choice of a Variety of Offerings (see schedule on page 5 for exact times and locations) Exploratorium II Extended Session: From Inquiry to Feature Articles with Marilyn Teicher (you may pick up your boxed lunch in Bartos and eat here) Follett E-Resources DOE/NYPL Collaborative Union Catalog Pilot NBC Learn
2:30-3:00	ALL - Raffle, Evaluation, Cookies & Tea (Bartos)

Schedule

Time	Bartos Forum	Bartos Food	NYPL Tours	Computer Lab	Berger Forum	South Court Auditorium
8:00-8:30	Registration	Breakfast Available				
8:30-9:00	Welcome					
9:00-9:30	Summer Reading					
9:30-10:00	Exploratorium I		Children’s Library Tour	Destiny Highlights		
10:00-10:30			Library Exhibit Tour			
10:30-11:00			Library Building Tour		Olga Nesi - Curriculum Mapping	
11:00-11:30			Library Exhibit Tour	AASL’s Best Websites		
11:30-12:00		Boxed Lunch	Library Building Tour			
12:00-12:30						
12:30-1:00	Exploratorium II	Available			Marilyn Teicher – From Inquiry to Feature Articles	Follett E-Resources
1:00-1:30				DOE/NYPL Collaborative Union Catalog Pilot		NBC Learn
1:30-2:00					Follett E-Resources	
2:00-2:30						NBC Learn
2:30-3:00	Raffle & Evaluation	Cookies & Tea				

Special Sessions — Space Limited!

Learning In Depth

Berger Forum, room 227 — limit of 50 participants per session, first come, first served

10:30 Curriculum Mapping. Middle school librarian extraordinaire, Olga Nesi shares with participants the process of curriculum mapping as it is unfolding in her school, MS 281K. During this one-and-a-half hour session, participants explore how curriculum mapping might roll out at their schools with the support of the library.

12:30 The Journey from Inquiry to Feature Articles. In this two hour session (the first half hour for your lunch) Marilyn Teicher, librarian at PS 86X, demonstrates how she conducted an I-Search with fourth graders who transformed their research into feature articles for a class magazine. Participants will use the same techniques to understand the process.

Tours

All tours begin in Bartos Forum and are limited to 24 participants. Please sign up for tours at the public library table.

9:30 Children's Room. Take a 30-minute tour of the newly situated Children's Room and hear booktalks of titles on the 2011 children's summer reading list.

10:00 and 11:00 Celebrating 100 Years. NYPL's landmark facility, the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building is 100 years old this year! This tour is a 30-minute sampling of the major exhibition of more than 250 thought-provoking items from NYPL's vast collections and celebrates how the Library has encouraged millions of individuals to gain access to a universe of information during the past 100 years.

10:30 and 11:30 Schwarzman Building Tour. This 30-minute tour highlights the unique features of The New York Public Library's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.

Computer Lab – Hands-On Sessions

South Court Classroom, 1st floor – limit of 25 participants per session, first come, first served

9:30 Destiny Highlights. Join Leanne Ellis for an hour-long session on Destiny Highlights covering tips for improving your Homepage to make it more interactive by adding Google Apps and Web 2.0 tools, conducting professional development sessions with your staff to increase Destiny usage, and developing fun ways to involve students with Destiny and its features.

11:00 AASL's 25 Best Websites for Teaching and Learning. Melissa Jacobs-Israel takes participants on a one-hour tour of the American Association of School Librarians' 25 Best Websites for Teaching and Learning.

1:00 DOE/NYPL Union Catalog Pilot. Attend an hour-long information session and learn about an exciting new NYPL /DOE union catalog pilot with social networking capabilities. Pilot participants will enjoy better search capabilities, free delivery of NYPL materials to their schools, e-book lists, comments and reviews with users citywide, and student in-depth learning through vetted resource lists and access! This session will be facilitated by project personnel: Jeff Roth, NYPL's First Vice President for Strategic Planning; Jennifer Krueger, NYPL's Manager of New Business Initiatives; Lance Hollander, an entrepreneur and marketing technologist; and Leanne Ellis, DOE Library Coordinator.

Demonstrations

South Court Auditorium – limit 175 participants per session, first come, first served

12:30 and 1:30 Follett eBooks. Learn how Follett eBooks can turn a laptop into a library, an interactive whiteboard into an instrument for deeper understanding, and a single book into a shared learning experience. Follett eBooks provide a novel, powerful approach to reach your students.

1:00 and 2:00 NBC Learn. As the education arm of NBC News, NBC Learn is making available its global collection of NBC News videos, primary source documents, images, and resources to teachers, students, schools and universities. Find out how to create personalized playlists using the thousands of searchable and downloadable resources (1600s to today) aligned to State Standards and updated regularly in Current Events, Sciences, Social Studies, Language Arts, Health and Business.

Bartos Forum All Day Long

Visit these tables during the Exploratorium time or at any time during the day

Museum of the Moving Image

New York Historical Society

DOE/NYPL Union Catalog Pilot

DOE Common Core Library

Public Libraries – Summer Reading & Education Program Information – Brooklyn
Public Library, New York Public Library, Queens Library

Technology Petting Zoo – try out the latest gadgets in Libraryland! Wrap your little paws around a Kindle or a Color Nook or even an iPad! We’ve pre-loaded these devices with all kinds of resources for you to explore.

AM Exploratorium Presentations

9:30 am – 11:30 am

	Title, Presenter, Description	Notes
1	Homework NYC Shauntee Burns, NYPL Outreach Specialist for HomeworkNYC/Office of Education Even MORE electronic resources boost the appeal of this valuable resource.	
2	Library REACH: Family Literacy Nights Arlene Dominguez, Program Manager, School Based Partnerships Discover how to offer parent workshops focused on helping parents share books and reading with their children – what better partner than the school librarian!	
3	Flip Video Cam + Creating Historical Fiction = Action! Michael Dodes, Samuel Gompers CTE HS, Bronx Student-created biographical mind maps blossom into historical fiction videos and give students a new perspective on history.	
4	Student Selected Book Clubs to Support Literacy in the ELA Classroom Elizabeth Goldfarb, Librarian & Claudia Rivera, ELA Teacher, MS 54 Booker T. Washington, Manhattan Student choice in book club titles fosters reading motivation in reluctant readers.	
5	Digital Citizenship Project: Video PSAs Tracy Karas, Librarian & Alicia Carlson, English Teacher, Marte Valle HS, Manhattan Students create video PSAs on digital citizenship.	
6	The Book Bunch: Book Clubs in the HS Library Abby Moore, Monroe Campus Library, Bronx Step-by-step guide to successful student-centered book clubs.	
7	Water Works: Creating Videos in Science about Water Sustainability Andrea Swenson, East Side Community, Manhattan Learn how students created 3-minute water sustainability videos connected to the “3 E’s” of sustainability: Environment, Economics and social Equity.	

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8	Communicating Library Successes: A Lesson in Self-Promotion Teresa Tartaglione, MLK Educational Campus, Manhattan Practical tips on documenting, tracking and communicating library successes to the wider school community.	
9	You?! Understanding Point of View and Exploring Conflict Resolution in the Works of Leo Lionni Sara Lissa Paulson, PS 347, The American Sign Language & English Lower School, Manhattan Second grade students explore point of view and create a group story on VoiceThreads.	
10	Wow Your Teachers: Online Tools That Are Cool for School Mary D'Amour, Edward R. Reynolds, West Side HS, Manhattan Use online tools with teachers and students to enhance questioning and understanding in the content areas.	
11	Book Clubs and Blogging Brenda Shufelt, PS 30 Hernandez/Hughes Academy, Manhattan Elementary students connect book club titles to real life by blogging.	
12	Engaging Readers Through a Battle of the Books Melissa Ahart, MS 88 Peter Rouget, Brooklyn Staff and students vote and campaign for favorite titles creating a school-wide book buzz.	
13	How My Personal Learning Network Saved My Butt & Why You Need One Too! Deven Black, MS 127 Castle Hill Middle School, Bronx Find out the latest and the greatest in Libraryland through Twitter, Facebook, e-mail and more.	

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14	Following the Dream: A Creative Response to Finding Out About Columbus Jane Barrer, PS/IS 111, Manhattan Sixth graders express their research through plays, PowerPoint presentations and the graphic-novel format.	
15	Web 2.0 -- It's ELEMENTARY! Victoria Tsougros, PS 16 The John Driscoll School, Staten Island Students create stories based on fables, digitally animate 'wonder' questions, and posterize the results of their research.	
16	Creating Book Trailers Using Animoto Cheryl Wolf, PS 63 & PS 363, Manhattan Learn how elementary students design and present book trailers (30-second "commercials") promoting books they have read and want to recommend.	
17	Putting the Library REACH Grant to Work Adalena Kavanagh, 50th Street Campus Library, Manhattan Students from the Facing History School chose an event or person in American history and determined if, in that instance, America lived up to its founding values.	
18	Transforming the Career Exploration Project Rena Deutsch, Seward Park Campus, Manhattan Doctor, lawyer, soldier, spy? Students investigate paths to exciting careers in their futures.	

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1	Homework NYC Shauntee Burns, NYPL Outreach Specialist for HomeworkNYC/Office of Education Even MORE electronic resources boost the appeal of this valuable resource.	
2	Design a Book Cover Esther Keller, JHS 278 Marine Park, Brooklyn Book cover design project engages students in reading, visual literacy, marketing and much more!	
3	Equestri – N-- Vestigation Terri Ciaramello, PS 203 Floyd Bennett, Brooklyn Using multimedia, fourth graders research aspects of horses from every angle.	
4	LiveBinders in the School Library Media Center Lindsay Klemas, P754 JM Rapport School for Career Development, Bronx Track the creation of a comprehensive site of resources for teens.	
5	Bank Street College of Education Irma Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature—a Collaborative Curriculum Lisa Von Drasek, Librarian & Gregory David, Teacher, Bank Street College of Education, Manhattan Irma Black Award is given annually to a book that exemplifies excellence in text and illustration together. Learn how students play a major role in this exciting process.	
6	Connecting Through Our Library Blog Mildred LaLuz, PS 274, Brooklyn Creating community with 21 st Century tools like Animoto, Shelfari and Voki.	
7	E-Readers and E-Books in the School Library Media Center Joseph Mannozi, Rye HS, Rye, NY Are you ready to circulate e-readers? Find out how it's done.	

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8	The Buck Starts Here! Adam Marcus, Librarian & Melissa Leman, Teacher, PS 32, Brooklyn Learn how a librarian resurrected a formerly defunct library through grant writing, fund-raising, relationship building, community support and a strong library advisory committee.	
9	Innovative Instruction on a Cluster Schedule Khalida Mashriqi, PS/MS 200 Pomonok, Queens Elementary students create and present peer-to- peer multimedia book reviews.	
10	The Male of the Species: Recreational Reading, Non-fiction and Male HS Students Robert Nelson, Fort Hamilton HS, Brooklyn Literary non-fiction hooks genre-locked male readers of horror, mystery and science fiction.	
11	Empowering Students to Be “Digital Citizens” Beth St. John, Sunset Park HS, Brooklyn High school students explore the various facets of online identity to safely and accurately represent their personal identity online.	
12	Creating a Fabulous "Third Space" on a Tight Budget, Using Grants, Creativity and Vision Mary Quinlivan Tomes, I.S. 75 Frank D. Paulo, Staten Island Learn concrete ways to implement an exciting vision for your library with limited funds.	
13	A Perfect Pet? A Research Project for the Younger Set Nancy Vido, PS 131K, Brooklyn Second graders research a pet and share their findings on VoiceThread.	

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14	Building Leadership in the School Library Alla Umanskaya, MS 246 Walt Whitman, Brooklyn Learn how to grow your own library activists and movers through a program of leadership opportunities in the school library.	
16	Book Clubs on a Budget Lisa Egan, librarian, & Stacie Polashek, Teacher, Science & Medicine Middle School, Brooklyn Learn how an after-school book club grew into visible proof of an active library program.	
17	Enter and Win at NYC History Day Fair Debra Randorf, Librarian, & Sydney Cresap, Teacher, George Westinghouse HS, Brooklyn How to support and inspire students to participate in the prestigious NYC History Day Fair.	
18	Annotated Bibliography Across Grades 9 -12 Linda Cuff, Bronx School For Law, Government and Justice, Bronx Guide students from basic bibliography to annotated bibliography and beyond in four short years!	

Raffle!!!

Turn in your **completed** conference evaluation at the end of the day in Bartos and receive a ticket to enter the raffle for one of the following prizes:

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